

What is Claimed:

1. An electrically operated medical product for use at and in the patient, which is to be brought electrically into operation by being switched on or connected to an electrical power source, characterized by a reuse blocking device which is connectable to the power source and is designed in such a way that when the product is brought into electrical operation for the first time, the reuse blocking device is so initialized and is so altered in its state that operation of the medical product is possible as long as the medical product is connected to the power source or the power source is switched on or is active and the reuse blocking device prevents renewed operational use of the system after disconnection from the power source.
2. A medical product as set forth in claim 1 characterized in that the reuse blocking device includes at least one ohmic resistor which, when the surgical instrument is first brought into operation, is altered in its resistance or destroyed, and a detector which responds to a deviation in the resistance value from a predetermined range of values and triggers the reuse blocking device so that the medical product is prevented from being brought into operation.
3. A medical product as set forth in claim 1 or claim 2 comprising an electrically operated probe which is connected to a generator as a power source with an electronic monitoring means which includes the detector, wherein bringing the probe into electrical operation for the first time represents an initial application, characterized by a configuration of the probe and the electronic monitoring means such that each initial application leads to a change in state at the probe, which is caused by the electronic monitoring means in the generator.
4. A medical product as set forth in claim 3 characterized in that the electronic monitoring means is adapted to switch off an output of the generator upon the attainment of a predetermined state of the probe prior to the initial application.
5. A medical product as set forth in claim 4 characterized in that the electronic monitoring means is designed in such a way that after an initial application has been

implemented the probe can be used as often as desired by the user as long as the probe is still connected to the generator and said generator is switched on.

6. A medical product as set forth in one of claims 1 through 5 and claim 3
5 characterized in that the reuse blocking device includes parallel-connected resistance fuses in the probe, wherein the individual states of the probe are given by the overall resistance of the parallel-connected resistance fuses and a change in state is synonymous with a change in the overall resistance, caused by the failure or melting-through of individual resistors.

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7. A medical product as set forth in claim 1 and claim 3 characterized in that the changes in state of the probe can be implemented by a variation in a magnetizable probe component, preferably a narrow magnetic strip on the probe plug, wherein a change in state is given by an altered direction of magnetization and wherein the
15 generator includes a detection unit which is adapted to detect and alter the direction of magnetization.